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- 1 APPLY** Apply online or on campus.
- 2 REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS** We will need your High School, GED, or Adult High School official transcript as well as official transcripts from all previous colleges or universities you have attended.
- 3 TAKE PLACEMENT TEST** Testing must be completed prior to registering for classes. Testing Center Hours: Monday-Thursday 7:45 am - 7 pm; Friday 7:45 am - 2 pm; Saturday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
- 4 PRE-ADVISING** A pre-advisor will sit down with you and discuss your plans. You will be assigned a personal advisor who will help you schedule your classes while you are a student at Sandhills.
- 5 REGISTER FOR CLASSES** You will meet with your personal advisor and build a schedule of classes for the upcoming semester. Spring Semester '09 registration day will be January 8.

Spring 2009 Academic Calendar

First Day of Classes	January 12
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	January 19
Spring Mini-Mester Begins	February 17
Spring Break.....	March 9-13
Easter Holiday.....	April 13-14
Final Exams	May 7-12
Commencement	May 16

Registration Information

New students are not required to take the SAT or ACT to enroll at Sandhills. Placement evaluations are given to determine proper class assignment. Prospective students should apply and test prior to registration day.

Last day to pay for Spring Semester is January 7. Students who have registered but not paid will have their classes dropped at 5 p.m. on January 7. A new schedule will need to be created on Registration Day.

Registration Day	January 8
Late Registration	January 12
Mini-Mester Registration Day	February 16

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On the Cover:

The cover of this edition of Career Focus features Nursing Instruction, career success in Nursing, and a student aiming for a career in Nursing.

Pamela Garty graduated from Sandhills Community College in 1974 with an Associate Degree in Nursing. Garty went on to study at UNC Chapel Hill and later Duke University. She likes to tell people she has studied in the three best nursing programs in the state. Garty worked for 19 years at Moore Regional Hospital and has been a nursing instructor at Sandhills since 1988.

Birtha Shaw graduated from the Practical Nursing program in 1976 and in 1982 earned an Associate Degree in Nursing. She worked as a nurse for many years and is currently the Assistant Director of Oncology at First Health in Pinehurst.

Gwen Garcia graduated from the Practical Nursing program in 2005 and transitioned into the Advanced Placement Nursing program. She is scheduled to graduate in 2009 with an Associate Degree in Nursing and is looking forward to a long and rewarding career as a Registered Nurse.

CREATING SUCCESS



Cathy Hinton
Class of 1973

An Associate Degree in Nursing has taken Cathy Hinton far in life. Not physically, she is still within 15 miles of her hometown, but career-wise. Upon graduation, she began at the NC Department of Correction as a Staff Nurse. Hinton was later promoted to Lead Nurse, Regional Nurse Supervisor, and now supervises a staff of 132 nurses as the Director of Nursing.

“An education in Nursing at Sandhills is second-to-none. I did as well on the licensure exam as students from UNC because I was so well prepared. The program was tough, but it prepared me for the challenges I later faced and gave me the discipline I needed to be successful.”

“Because I had a family,” said Hinton, “it was difficult going to college. The financial aid I received was a great help. I wasn’t able to join clubs or participate in extra-curricular activities but I did form some very close friendships. There were four of us who regularly studied together and we are friends to this day.”

For information regarding the Nursing Program at Sandhills, contact Star Mitchell at 910-695-3843 or mitchells@sandhills.edu.

Carlton Cole
Class of 1996

“The instructors at Sandhills Community College were most helpful and each were determined to see that I became successful in life,” said Carlton Cole, Moore County Director of Public Safety. This is a sentiment mentioned many times over by students and graduates of the college.

Cole graduated with an associate’s degree in Business Administration and went on to UNC-Pembroke to earn a BSBA with a concentration in Management and a Master of Public Administration concentrating in Emergency Management.



“Sandhills Community College helped me form a solid understanding of business principles which I continue to use every day. Every instructor at the college is caring and very energetic; it shows in the daily activities on the campus.”

Cole still benefits from the college. He regularly takes Continuing Education classes and graduated from the inaugural class of the Dedman Center for Business Leadership.

For more information about the Department of Management and Business, contact Mary Dixon at 910-695-3754 or dixonm@sandhills.edu. For information regarding the Dedman Center for Business Leadership, contact Alan Duncan at 910-695-3769 or duncana@sandhills.edu.

Brock Jacobs
Class of 2004

The 444-mile Natchez Trace Parkway commemorates an ancient trail that connected southern portions of the Mississippi River, through Alabama, to central Tennessee.

A Sandhills Community College graduate is the Project Engineer responsible for the rehabilitation of 26 miles of this National Scenic Byway and All-American Road.

Brock Jacobs graduated from Sandhills Community College in 2004 with an associate’s degree in Civil Engineering Technology. Taking advantage of Sandhills’ 2+2 Transfer Articulation Arrangement with UNC-Charlotte, Jacobs enrolled as a junior in the Civil Engineering Technology



program at the university and went on to earn his bachelor’s degree.

“Sandhills gave me the hands-on experience vital to my career. I was impressed how the faculty truly cared about every student. Their heartfelt desire was to not only educate the students, but to see us become successful in our chosen careers.”

The Engineering Technology program at Sandhills offers Architectural Technology, Civil Engineering Technology and Surveying Technology. Students can earn an Associate in Applied Science or a Certificate in all three program areas. The college has transfer articulation arrangements with various four-year universities with each program. Contact Ed Spitler at 910-695-3797 or spitlere@sandhills.edu.

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Michael Puckett Class of 2004

Imagine being able to attend class in one of the most beautiful, serene gardens on the east coast. Michael Puckett says mornings in the Sandhills Horticultural Gardens rank among his fondest memories of his time at Sandhills.



Puckett graduated with an associate's degree in Landscape Gardening.

The 32-acre gardens served as the outdoor classroom as he and his classmates learned plant propagation, greenhouse and nursery plant culture, turf management, plant identification, arboriculture, diseases and pests of plants, and landscape planning, maintenance, and construction.

Puckett is the owner of All Season Landscape.

"I could have begun my business without a degree, but I have no doubt that I would not have the satisfied customers I do today if I had not studied at Sandhills. What I learned in the program benefits me each and every day."

Many national companies recruit SCC Landscape Gardening graduates. One graduate manages the White House grounds; one is head of the gardens at Monticello; and another is at Reynolda Gardens. The Horticulturist at the NC Zoo and the Grounds Supervisor at Pinehurst Resorts are graduates of the program. Others find employment with garden centers, greenhouse operations, nurseries, established landscape companies or, like Puckett, begin their own business.

For more information about the Landscape Gardening program, contact Dee Johnson at 910-695-3883 or johnsond@sandhills.edu.

Algene Johnson Class of 2005

When Algene Johnson's employer converted its payroll system to a computer-based system, the computer skills she received as a student at Sandhills Community College were most helpful.



Johnson works as a Medical Office Assistant at the NC Department of Correction where she has been employed for the past 19 years.

She earned an associate's degree in Computer Information Technology, a certificate in Microcomputer Servicing and another certificate in Microsoft Office Systems.

"The lessons I learned regarding teamwork were of great value," said Johnson. "We had to take computers completely apart and were only successful in putting them together when we worked as a team."

Johnson was not only employed while going to college, she was raising three sons. "While I was working toward my educational goals, my sons were realizing the value of higher education," said Johnson.

"Sandhills is a wonderful college because they make it affordable to achieve a degree," she added. "People in this region have a fantastic opportunity to advance their careers and better their lives through higher education."

The Computer Information Technology program that Johnson was in has since changed to Digital Media Technology. Students can also earn an associate's degree in Computer Engineering Technology, Computer Programming, Networking Technology and Simulation and Game Development. There are also seven computer certificates available.

For more information, contact Paul Steel at 910-695-3815 or steelp@sandhills.edu.

"Sandhills opened the door to fantastic opportunities for me. I was able to get a great job when I graduated and have gone on to begin my own business."

**Donnie Wicker, Class of 2002
AAS Culinary Technology, Owner of 360 To-Go**

CREATING SUCCESS

Christopher Gregg Class of 2007

"I have been given a unique opportunity in my career," said Christopher Gregg. "Every day I meet people from all over the world."

Gregg meets these interesting people at The Spa at Pinehurst where he found employment after earning an associate's degree in Therapeutic Massage from Sandhills Community College.

After graduating from high school, Gregg worked for several years in the restaurant business. He decided he wanted to do something different with his life and enrolled in the Therapeutic Massage program at Sandhills.



"I made some very good friends in the program," said Gregg. "I was elected to serve as President of the Massage Club and we became actively involved in student life by offering chair massages at numerous special events."

"It's wonderful that we have such a world-class program right here in the area. The instructors in the Therapeutic Massage program are second-to-none."

Other graduates of the program have found employment in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, health departments, home health agencies, medical offices, nursing homes, health and sports clubs, and in private practice. Graduates are eligible to take the National Certification for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork.

For more information about the Therapeutic Massage program at Sandhills, contact Samantha Allen at 910-695-3966 or allens@sandhills.edu.

Brett Sullivan Class of 2008

"I can't imagine that there is a better instructor than George Thompson when it comes to turf management," said Brett Sullivan. "He has so much actual experience and is such a wealth of knowledge, the Turfgrass Management Technology program at Sandhills is very fortunate to have him."

Thompson is one of the many adjunct instructors at Sandhills who have had successful careers in a field and now teach their trade to a new generation.

Sullivan graduated with an associate's degree in Golf Course Management with a concentration in Turfgrass Technology. He is currently employed as an Assistant Superintendent on a Donald Ross course at Highland Country Club in Fayetteville.

"The small class sizes and the large amounts of time spent interacting with the instructors is invaluable."

For more information about the Golf Course Management program, contact Mike Ventola at 910-910-3941 or ventolam@sandhills.edu.



"I connected with my current employer through a Job Fair at the college. I have since learned that I was well-prepared for all aspects of my career. The hands-on experiences and the individual attention have proven extremely valuable."

**Christian Sheppard, Class of 2005
AAS Civil Engineering Technology
AAS Surveying Technology
Civil Designer for Withers & Ravenel, Inc.**

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Beginning at a community college and transferring to a university can lead some to very interesting careers.



Linda Haney Flanagan
Class of 1969

Linda Haney Flanagan transferred from Sandhills to East Carolina University and majored in Early Childhood Education. She taught several grade levels for 14 years. Flanagan and her husband later began a State Farm Insurance Agency in Southport, which has grown and become one of the largest in the state. When she attended Sandhills, Flanagan was a cheerleader for the basketball team. One of her fondest memories is of rushing to the Student Center after class to play bridge with her friends.



Harry Jones
Class of 1970

Harry Jones is currently serving as the fourth county manager of Mecklenburg County, N.C. While at Sandhills, he served as the Student Government Association President. After graduating with an Associate of Arts degree, he went on to UNC Chapel Hill and earned a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public administration. He has since then had a long and varied career in public administration.



Linda Reid Oldham
Class of 1997

Linda Reid Oldham says that Sandhills was the perfect launching pad to help her fulfill her goal of attending law school. She graduated with an Associate in Arts and went on to St. Andrews, UNC Pembroke and Campbell University. She is now a Managing Law Partner at Crockett, Oldham, Pope & Donadio Attorneys.

Vicki Yearby Johnson
Class of 1972

Vicki Yearby Johnson played on the first women's basketball team at Sandhills. Like Flanagan, she enjoyed the card games in the Student Center. Johnson transferred from Sandhills to Western Carolina where she earned a bachelor's in Education, Fayetteville State University where she received a master's in Elementary Education, and received a master's in Library Science from North Carolina Central University. Johnson worked in elementary education for 18 years, was a media coordinator and an Instructional Technology Coordinator for Moore County Schools.



Sidney "Trip" Johnson
Class of 1974

Sidney Johnson worked for almost 29 years with the Wake County City-County Bureau of Identification (CCBI). Johnson was a Crime Scene Agent investigating car and plane crashes, deaths, fires, and all sorts of crime scenes. Upon graduation from Sandhills, Johnson continued his education at NC State University. At Sandhills, Johnson formed friendships that continue to this day.

Trip and Vicki met at Sandhills in the early 70's. Their lives took them in different directions but they reconnected this past year and were recently wed.

What is an education really worth?

The more you learn, the more you earn

In the current economic climate of uncertainty, one thing is certain — a community college graduate with an associate degree can earn twice as much in their life than a person with only a high school diploma.

According to Liz Weston, writer for MSN Money, associate's degrees are a slam-dunk. "These two-year degrees seem to result in a massive payback, compared to their relatively low cost, for a high school graduate," Weston writes. She points out that associate degrees in engineering and computers have the biggest payoff.

Employment options are significantly reduced if you do not have a college degree. Imagine that you are reviewing job applications and deciding between those who have worked hard to earn a degree and applicants who have only graduated from high school. Who would you call for an interview?

Sandhills graduates have gone on to become lawyers, doctors, business professionals, computer programmers, and even college professors and administrators.

Can I afford to go to college?

The College Board reports that four years' worth of tuition, fees, books and supplies at a public university currently cost about \$20,000, while the private colleges will set you back \$80,000. The tab spirals when you add in room, board, transportation and other costs. This runs about \$50,000 for public schools and \$110,000 for private.

A transfer degree from a community college is one of the best values in higher education. Tuition for a semester at Sandhills as a full-time student taking 12 credit hours will cost only \$504. A state university can easily run over \$2000 a semester and \$8000 and up a semester at a private college.

Completing your first two years of college at Sandhills can save thousands of dollars in the cost of obtaining a college degree. Something this inexpensive couldn't be that good, could it?

The answer is an emphatic, yes! The majority of Sandhills students who transfer on to a North Carolina university maintain a GPA better than most freshmen that start out at the four-year institution. A recent report shows that 99% of Sandhills graduates indicate that the College met or exceeded their personal goals upon graduation.

What are the instructors like at Sandhills?

Sandhills Community College faculty members are different from most instructors at large universities. Their success does not depend on bringing in research dollars to the institution or writing articles for journals. They teach. They don't have graduate assistants who teach for them.

One of the most common comments about the instructors

at Sandhills is that they care about each and every student and sincerely want to help them become successful. The average class size at Sandhills is small with a faculty-student ratio of 1:13 in technical programs and 1:26 for University Studies. All instructors teaching the transfer courses hold at least a master's degree in their subject area.

I just want to get a good paying job. What can you offer me?

Sandhills has more than 80 degree, diploma, and certificate programs that are designed to prepare you for good paying jobs. Law enforcement, emergency medical science, nursing, cosmetology, engineering, surveying, early childhood education, landscape gardening, culinary, hotel and restaurant management, resort and spa management, and many other programs are available. A recent survey revealed that 100% of Sandhills graduates were employed or continuing their education within one year of graduation. This same survey showed that 98% of employers were satisfied with Sandhills students who work for their companies.

What does it mean that Sandhills has an "Open Door Policy?"

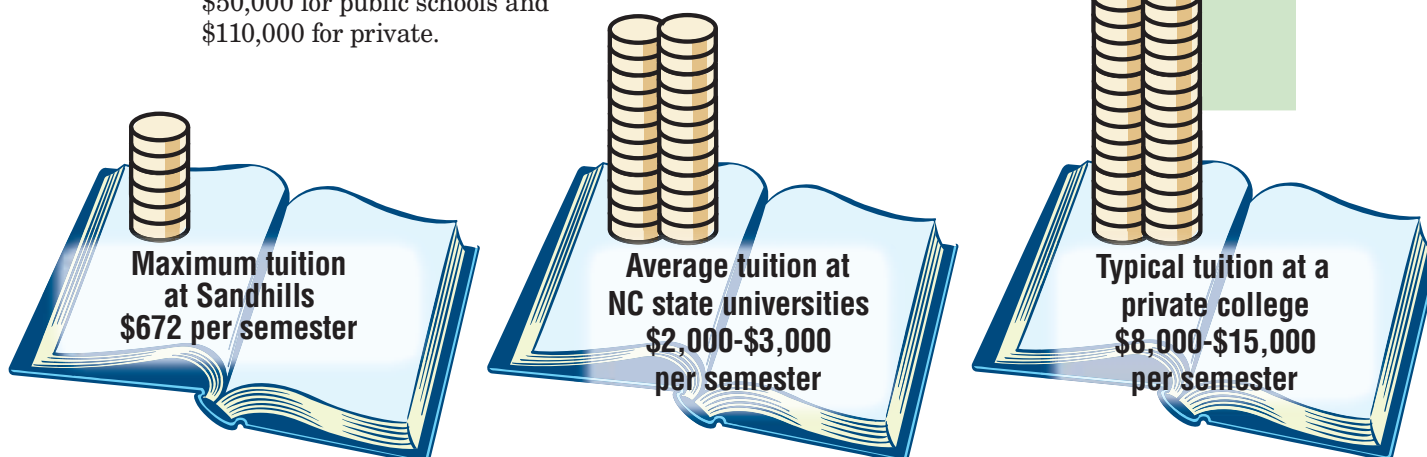
The doors of Sandhills Community College are open for any person seeking to improve their skills and gain the benefits of a college education. The SAT or ACT need not be taken, but scores are accepted for class placement. We ask you to take our placement tests to best determine the classes you will need to be successful in college. Some students need developmental classes to bring them up to speed and ready them for the rigors of college. Others begin taking advanced level courses right away.

What if I don't know what I want to study?

The Sandhills Community College Career Center is staffed with professionals who can help you determine occupations that best suit your personality and interests. They utilize occupational and interest assessments and offer career counseling. You can also take the Career Quiz in this issue and match your interests with the programs offered at Sandhills. They are listed on the last four pages.

What about those without a high school diploma?

In North Carolina more than one in every four teens drops out of high school. Sandhills offers General Equivalency Diploma (GED) test preparation and upon passing the tests, helps qualified individuals receive financial aid and scholarships to move on into college. Sandhills even has a \$250 scholarship for those who complete the program, earn the GED, and move on into a program of study at the college. **CF**



Don't assume - apply!

The only way to know if you are eligible for financial aid is to apply

With the skyrocketing cost of college, a degree from a community college is still one of the best educational values available. But thousands of people still come face-to-face with

the dilemma of figuring out how they will cover college costs.

"Never assume you will not get financial aid," said Heather Willett, Director of Financial Aid. "Everyone is encouraged to apply. I see people every year who don't think they will qualify yet they receive hundreds and sometimes thousands of dollars in federal grants, state aid, and scholarships. Over 60% of our students receive some sort of financial assistance."

Other opportunities to afford college include work-study employment, employer reimbursement and program-specific scholarship programs. The Financial Aid staff at Sandhills can help you explore your options.

You need to begin by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fasfa.ed.gov. If you do not have access to a computer, come to our Pinehurst campus or the Hoke Center in Raeford and use our computers. You can request a paper form directly from the Department of Education at 1-800-433-3243.

Sure, applying for financial aid can be time-consuming and sometimes confusing – but how long do you think it would take you to earn and save the same

amount of money you might receive by simply filling out the necessary forms? Our financial aid staff is available to walk you through the process and help you fill out the paperwork.

It is always wise to apply early before the funds run out. The deadline to apply for scholarships for the 2009/2010 academic year is February 27, 2009. The FAFSA on the Web applications must be submitted by June 30, 2009 for the 2008/2009 academic year.

If you have any questions about financial aid or scholarships, contact the Financial Aid office at 910-695-3743 or come visit us in Stone Hall on the Pinehurst campus. **CF**

\$6 Million in Financial Aid Awarded at Sandhills in 07/08

Federal Programs - \$4,936,177

- Pell Grants - The annual awards range from \$400 to \$4731
- Supplemental Opportunity Grants - Eligible students are awarded up to \$400 for a school year.
- College Work Study
- Academic Competiveness Grants - Annual awards are \$750 for the first academic year, \$1300 for the second academic year
- Veteran's Benefits under Montgomery GI Bill

NC State Programs-\$569,737

- NC Community College Grant - Supplement to Federal Pell Grant bringing annual award up to \$3,600

- NC Educational Lottery Grant - Supplement to Federal Pell Grant bringing annual award to \$3,600
- Education Access Rewards North Carolina Scholars Fund (NC EARN) - \$4000 per academic year
- NC State Incentive Grant - \$700 for an academic year
- NC Child Care Grants - up to \$85 per week

Scholarships - \$503,907

- Hundreds of endowed and institutional scholarships of varying amounts are available through the generosity of friends and alumni of the SCC Foundation.
- Institutional Work Study
- Guarantor Assistance

But I don't have time to go to college!

Flexible classes for busy people

Between the job, family responsibilities, volunteering, taking care of the house and lawn—how are you ever going to find the time to take those classes you need or get the degree you've always wanted?

A little flexibility can make life easier. For decades Sandhills Community College has offered evening classes for employed students. But sometimes there isn't even enough time for a night class.

And what about transportation costs? Driving out to the college

three to five days a week can get expensive.

What if you could take classes without having to come to the campus or come only once or twice a week?

Sandhills Community College provides both Online and Hybrid classes for busy, cost-conscious students. Commonly referred to as Distance Learning, Sandhills offers almost 120 Online classes and nearly 100 Hybrid classes each semester.

The college also offers a Mini-Mester each spring and fall in which classes begin later in the semester. A full semester's worth of material is covered, just in a shorter time period. Most are Internet classes.

Online Classes

Online classes are classes taken from any computer that has Internet access. You can roll out of bed in the morning and attend class in your bathrobe without worrying about brushing your hair or ironing your clothes. Or do your work in the middle of the night if you are a night owl.

If you are self-motivated, enjoy reading, and have a good understanding of how to use word processing software and a computer, you should do just fine.

The major difference between an online and traditional course is the delivery method. Instead of listening to a lecture, you might have to read it and type in questions and answers.

To some students, that may sound like an isolated way to go to attend college, but students actually engage in plenty of interaction. Instructors, for instance, post questions on discussion boards, which provide opportunity to communicate and

respond to other students electronically.

Some students actually find they get more attention with an online course because of the opportunity to interact with instructors through e-mail. Lots of students who may not speak up in class may find it easier to answer or ask a question.

There is much more individual responsibility placed on students who take courses online. Much of the course content is text-based, so if you don't like to read a computer monitor, perhaps an online class isn't your best option.

Flexibility doesn't equate to self-paced learning—a common misperception. Students are still required to keep up with regular semester schedules and course objectives.

Hybrid Classes

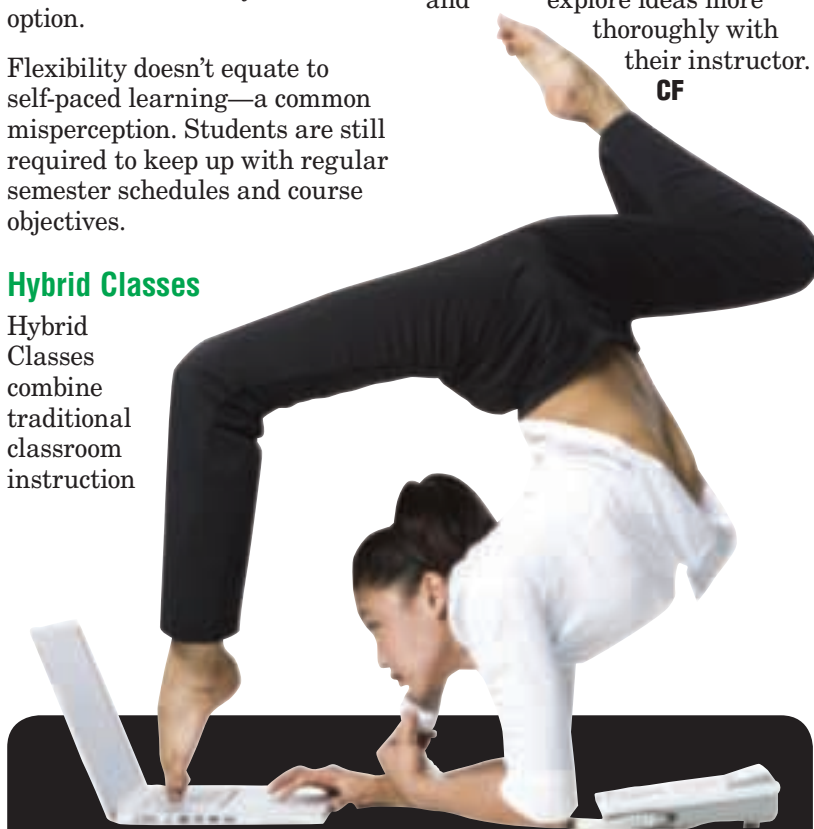
Hybrid Classes combine traditional classroom instruction

with online learning. Students generally come to class on campus once a week. Outside of class they engage in online discussions or work on assignments similar to online classes.

Because so much learning takes place on their own time, when students meet in class they tend to delve deeper into the material, ask more pertinent questions and explore ideas more thoroughly with their instructor.

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Students like the convenience and the savings — they spend less time driving to campus, spend less money on gas, and work on assignments on their own schedule.



2 nights a week

2 courses a night

2 years to complete



Earn the Transfer Core Diploma in two years with hybrid night classes or take one additional online class each semester and complete the Associate in Arts degree in two years.

Transfer programs provide advantages

SStarting at a community college and transferring to a four-year institution is a very smart strategy for students desiring to earn a bachelor's degree. The transfer route is practical and financially wise.

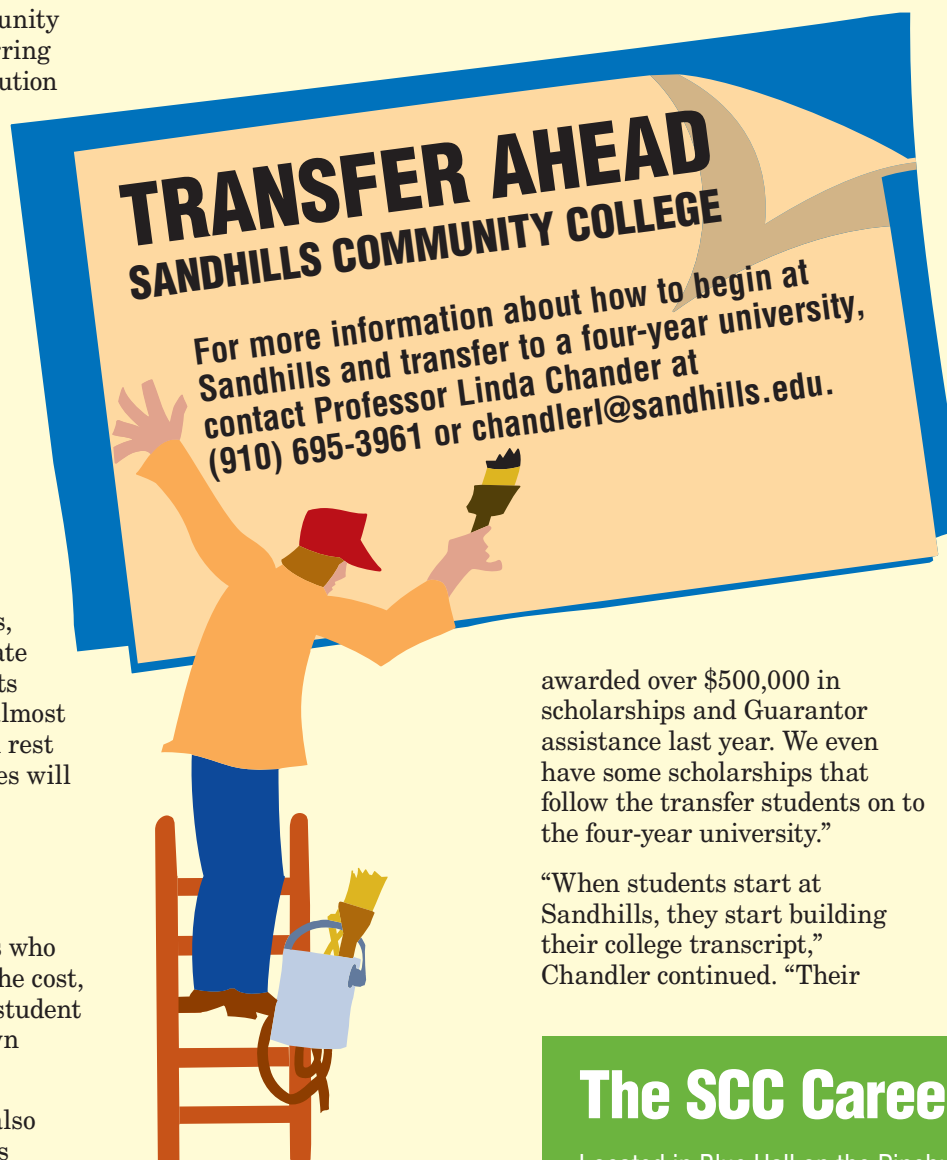
More than a third of Sandhills Community College students are enrolled in University Studies. With transfer agreements among all North Carolina public colleges and universities and many private colleges, as well as many out-of-state schools, Sandhills students can take classes toward almost any bachelor's degree and rest easy knowing their courses will transfer.

The spiraling cost of a college education at four-year institutions is often overwhelming for parents who are paying part or all of the cost, and even more so for the student who is paying for their own education.

Community colleges are also known for easing students into the college experience and Sandhills is no exception. With small class sizes, easily accessible instructors, and an exceptional tutoring program, personalized attention is the norm, not the exception.

Students transferring from Sandhills Community College are well prepared to succeed at the four-year university. Studies show the Sandhills transfer student actually performs better than students at the same college who began there as freshmen.

Linda Chandler, Coordinator of University Studies, said, "We are consistently reviewing program



curricula and work very closely with the public and private colleges and universities, in- and out-of-state, to make sure our students are well prepared and their courses are transferable."

"An important factor in the success of our students is that every instructor in our University Studies program holds a master's degree in their area of instruction,"

Chandler added.

Another important, yet often overlooked benefit is scholarship opportunities. "Most people don't realize the many scholarships we have available," said Chandler. "Sandhills Community College

academic achievements at Sandhills can lead them to scholarship opportunities not just at Sandhills, but at four-year institutions as well."

For more information on becoming a University Studies student at Sandhills, Linda Chandler can be reached at (910) 695-3961 or chandlerl@sandhills.edu. **CF**

After two semesters at the university, the Sandhills transfer student has a higher GPA than those who began at the university as a freshman.

awarded over \$500,000 in scholarships and Guarantor assistance last year. We even have some scholarships that follow the transfer students on to the four-year university."

"When students start at Sandhills, they start building their college transcript," Chandler continued. "Their

The SCC Career Center

Located in Blue Hall on the Pinehurst campus, the Career Center provides many services for students and alumni. Staffed with a Student Employment Coordinator and a Career Counselor, the Center is focused on helping individuals find the perfect career fit, development of attributes employers desire in an employee, career development, and employment while in college and after graduation.

- Career assessments
- Professional career counseling
- Access to career information
- Resume writing
- Help in securing employment
- Employment workshops
- Extensive employment web sites
- Community resources

More than half of the students who visited a college career center had secured a full-time job by the time they graduated.

- Job Choices: Diversity Edition 2008



Feature



Cool careers to consider

Basic Law Enforcement Training

If your image of a police officer is a crusty, coffee-drinking, donut-loving curmudgeon who has a mean dog and likes to roar through red lights with his siren blaring, you've been watching too much television.

According to police employment websites, many law enforcement agencies are seeking candidates with specialized skill sets and more advanced education. Individuals with training in criminal justice, computer science, or those who have military experience, should encounter the best employment opportunities.

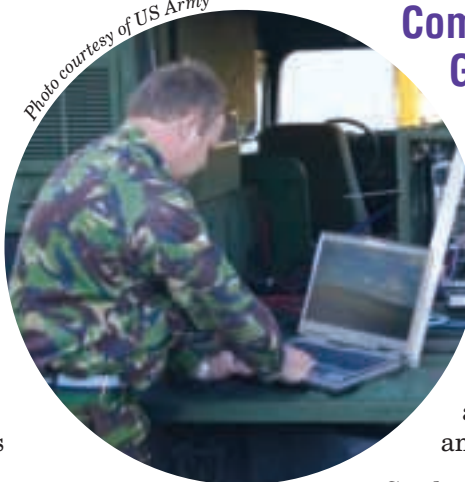
The Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) program at Sandhills utilizes State commission-required topics and methods of instruction. Students are prepared to take the certification examination

mandated by the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission.

Students successfully completing our accredited training and passing the Commission's certification exam will be eligible for employment as a law enforcement officer in North Carolina and receive credit for the Criminal Law course required for the associate's degree in Criminal Justice Technology.

For more information, contact Mark Caskey at 910-695-3758 or caskeym@sandhills.edu.

Photo courtesy of US Army



Computer Simulation and Game Development

Maybe all those hours playing video games might pay off after all. A profitable future could be yours with a career in the simulation and game development industries. The U.S. Army has plans to invest \$100 million in training games and simulations over the next few years. Revenues in excess of \$10 billion a year are generated by the gaming industry.

Students receive hands-on training in design, 3D modeling, software engineering, database administration and programming for the purpose of creating simulations and games.

Graduates should qualify for employment as designers, artists, animators, programmers, database administrators, testers, quality assurance analysts, engineers and administrators in the entertainment industry, the health care industry, engineering, forensics, education, NASA and government agencies.

For more information, contact Bill Rolland at 910-695-3792 or rollandb@sandhills.edu.

Digital Media Technology

The digital design and multimedia industries are rapidly expanding, excitingly dynamic, and employ the latest computer technologies.

If you have ever thought of working as a web designer, graphic artist or designer, or a multimedia specialist, you should consider this program. Other employment opportunities include jobs as web developers, web content specialists, media specialists, information specialists, digital media specialists, animation specialists, or interface designers.

This program uses the latest Adobe Creative Suite Software and other cutting-edge technologies.

Contact Wendy Kauffman at 910-695-3814 or kauffmanw@sandhills.edu if you would like to learn more about how Sandhills can help you pursue a career in Digital Media Technology.



Emergency Medical Science

Paramedics take care of patients in intense, chaotic and sometimes even precarious situations. But it's not all about blood, guts and glory. Compassion and caring is paramount as a patient is moved from one location to another.



The course of study at Sandhills provides an opportunity to acquire basic and advanced life support knowledge and skills through classroom instruction, practical laboratory sessions, hospital clinical experience, and field internships with emergency medical service agencies.

Students progressing through the program may be eligible to apply for both state and national certification exams. Employment opportunities include ambulance services, fire and rescue agencies, air medical services, specialty areas of hospitals, industry, educational institutions, and government agencies.

For more information, contact Tom Ferrell at 910-695-3768 or ferrellt@sandhills.edu.

Hotel & Restaurant Management

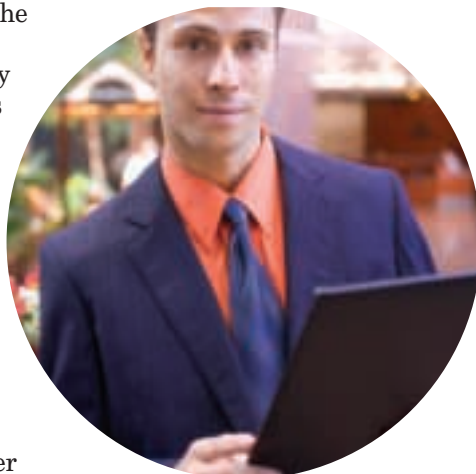
Hotel and restaurant management is a fantastic career for people with the drive to keep a food or lodging establishment running efficiently and remaining profitable. Duties include daily operations, training, legal aspects of the business, staffing and human resources, marketing, advertising, public relations, accounting, and finance.

Salaries in the field of hotel and restaurant management tend to be above the national average. Individuals with work experience in this field and career education will find the best employment opportunities.

Upon completion, graduates should qualify for supervisory or entry-level management positions in food and lodging including front office, reservations, housekeeping, purchasing, dining room, and marketing. Opportunities are also available in the support areas of food and equipment sales.

Sandhills is pursuing a transfer articulation arrangement with one of the top hospitality programs in the world, the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel & Restaurant Management at the University of Houston. Once approved, you will be able to take the first two years at Sandhills and seamlessly transfer into the Hilton program to earn a bachelor's degree.

If you would like to know more, contact Ted Oelfke at 910-695-3756 or oelfket@sandhills.edu.



Physical Fitness Technology

Have you thought about employment in the fitness and exercise industry? Training in exercise science will enable you to administer basic fitness tests and health risk appraisals, teach specific exercise and fitness classes and provide instruction in the proper use of exercise equipment and facilities.

Graduates of this new program at Sandhills will qualify for employment opportunities in commercial fitness clubs, YMCA's/YWCA's, wellness programs in business and industry, Parks & Recreation Departments and other organizations implementing exercise and fitness programs.

If you would like to know more about Physical Fitness Technology, contact Ted Oelfke at 910-695-3756 or oelfket@sandhills.edu.

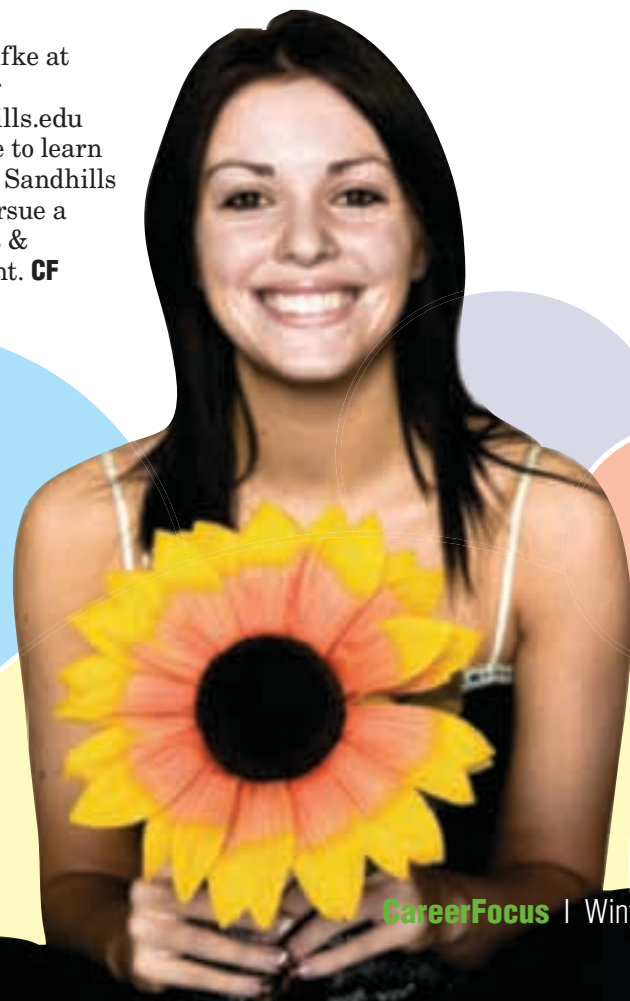


Resort & Spa Management

What about a career where you go to work each day in an aromatic, relaxing environment or at a magnificent resort where many people only dream about visiting? If day spas, beach resorts, mountain resorts, golf resorts, extended stay spas or cruise lines suit your style, consider Resort & Spa Management.

Graduates qualify for entry or mid-level management positions such as member/guest services director, spa assistant director, spa manager, spa attendant supervisor, spa sales manager, and assistant clubhouse manager. Graduates may attain personal trainer certification through professional organizations.

Contact Ted Oelfke at 910-695-3756 or oelfket@sandhills.edu if you would like to learn more about how Sandhills can help you pursue a career in Resort & Spa Management. **CF**



Quiz

Which Career Is You?

A simple self-assessment can help you narrow your options

If you are going to college, are you unsure what to major in? Or are you dissatisfied with your current job and don't know where your career is headed? If so, don't panic, because you are not alone. Many people feel this way about career planning or their current jobs, and don't realize that they can turn things around.

The first step: Self-assessment

Whether you're planning your career, starting your first job, re-entering the job market, or considering your next career move, it's important to get to know yourself through self-assessment. This quiz will help you find out which occupations allow you to best use your strengths, interests, and talents.



Check off the items you think you would enjoy in each section.
Mark as many items that apply.

“R” Section

- ☐ Repair a car
- ☐ Do woodworking
- ☐ Refinish furniture
- ☐ Explore a forest
- ☐ Arrest lawbreakers
- ☐ Plant a garden
- ☐ Build furniture
- ☐ Run a race
- ☐ Drive a truck

“C” Section

- ☐ Keep detailed records
- ☐ Operate business machines
- ☐ Organize a work area
- ☐ Take telephone messages
- ☐ Attend to details
- ☐ Balance a budget
- ☐ Use a computer
- ☐ Proofread a document
- ☐ Create a filing system

“S” Section

- ☐ Teach children
- ☐ Care for a sick person
- ☐ Teach a friend
- ☐ Interview clients
- ☐ Help a person overcome difficulties
- ☐ Be a hospital volunteer
- ☐ Help a charity
- ☐ Make people laugh
- ☐ Baby-sit

“A” Section

- ☐ Sing before the public
- ☐ Design clothing
- ☐ Decorate a home or office
- ☐ Direct a play
- ☐ Write a story or play
- ☐ Design a poster
- ☐ Create a sculpture
- ☐ Arrange flowers
- ☐ Make videos
- ☐ Act in a performance

“E” Section

- ☐ Sell cars
- ☐ Make a speech
- ☐ Be the boss of other workers
- ☐ Start a club
- ☐ Save money
- ☐ Sell things
- ☐ Lead a meeting
- ☐ Take charge of a project
- ☐ Sell magazines door to door

“I” Section

- ☐ Study causes of disease
- ☐ Do a science project
- ☐ Study human anatomy
- ☐ Study insects
- ☐ Research solutions to environmental problems
- ☐ Collect minerals and rocks
- ☐ Study the solar system
- ☐ Do math problems
- ☐ Talk to a scientist
- ☐ Study plants

Now, go back to the sections.
Add up how many boxes you
checked in each section and fill
in the totals for each in the space
provided.

Totals:

R _____
C _____
S _____
A _____
E _____
I _____

What the letters mean

Each letter represents a personal interest category. The columns you have the most check marks in shows where your interests are the strongest. You may have one obvious strong category or a mix of several.

R **ealistic Careers:** Automotive technician, fire fighter, police officer, chef, carpenter, landscape architect, military, athletic trainer, engineer

C **onventional Careers:** Accountant, secretary, banker, bookkeeper, math teacher, treasurer, surgical technologist, dental assistant

S **ocial Careers:** Social worker, counselor, teacher, nurse, minister, school administrator, occupational therapist

A **rtistic Careers:** Artist, musician, novelist, photographer, lawyer, interior designer, television announcer, actor, disc jockey, art instructor, reporter, architect

E **nterprising Careers:** Entrepreneur, manager, sales person, travel agent, public relations, personnel director, realtor, florist

I **nvestigative Careers:** Biologist, psychologist, computer programmer, doctor, engineer, pharmacist, mathematician, dietician

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Something to Think About

Quizzes like these are not designed to tell you exactly which job is right for you, but can help you think about preferences. This is only one of many career assessment tools available. To get a full understanding of how to best plan a career perfect for you, make an appointment with Gwendolyn Russell, SCC Student Employment Coordinator, by calling 910-695-3735. **CF**



Securing the dream of a college education

Philanthropy and Sandhills Community College

The Annual Fund for Sandhills

Many generous individuals, couples and organizations choose to support Sandhills and its students through The Annual Fund for Sandhills. The Annual Fund for Sandhills appeal is mailed to friends of the college each year in early November although gifts may be made at any time.

The Annual Fund for Sandhills supports the things that make a quality education possible—support for Sandhills' superb faculty, instructional equipment for classrooms and laboratories and the improvement of college facilities.

The Sandhills Community College Guarantors

In 2002, the college's Foundation Board made a commitment to secure the resources to help ensure the college's commitment that "no deserving student will be denied access to a Sandhills education because of his or her inability to pay for it." That year the SCC Guarantors Program was born.

Perhaps unique in the nation, the SCC Guarantors Program is making possible the dream of an education and a better life for any student willing to work for it—regardless of his or her financial circumstance.

The President's 1963 Circle

The President's 1963 Circle, which celebrates the year of the college's founding, supports both The Annual Fund for Sandhills and the SCC Guarantors Program. This is a year of considerable challenge for our students and our nation. An investment in Sandhills as a member of The President's 1963 Circle is one of the best ways to support the future of our young people and of our community.

For more information about how you can help a deserving student secure the dream, please contact:

**The Sandhills Community College Foundation, Inc.
3395 Airport Road
Pinehurst, North Carolina 28374
910-695-3712**

**Support the mission of Sandhills Community College on-line at:
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Graduation 1966 - Meyer Hall Courtyard
The college's first graduate, Jeanne Waldman, receives her diploma from SCC Trustee Chairman H. Clifton Blue and Dr. Raymond Stone, SCC's first President



Achieving the Dream 2007 — Graduation on the Boyd Library Green



Sandhills graduates know first-hand that the college changes lives. One life at a time. Everyday. One of Sandhills' core values is Excellence. Excellence means that when a student arrives at Sandhills, he or she will find the best classrooms, laboratories and the best faculty possible.




Each year for the last four decades, Sandhills has graduated a class of students with the knowledge and tools needed to improve their lives and their communities. The year they graduated has special meaning to many Sandhills alumni and that has led the Sandhills Community College Alumni Association to create The Graduate Circle, a group of alumni donors who pledge their class year, in dollars and cents, each month to support the mission of Sandhills Community College.

To make an Alumni Gift online, please go to <http://alumni.sandhills.edu> and click on Giving to Sandhills or call Leah Burger, Alumni Relations Coordinator at (910) 246-4131.



University Studies

<i>Associate in Arts</i>	Recommended if you plan to transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a program of study leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree. Included in the North Carolina Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA) to provide certain guarantees providing for a smooth transfer of course credits from community colleges to UNC universities as well as other institutions that have agreed to honor the agreement.
<i>Associate in Fine Arts in Art</i>	Designed to prepare you to transfer to a senior institution with a solid foundation in color, design, drawing and fundamentals of studio techniques. You will graduate with a portfolio of work that is strong enough to allow you to continue your work as a junior and begin an area of concentration at your senior transfer institution.
<i>Associate in Fine Arts in Music & Music Education</i>	Designed to prepare you for transfer to a senior institution with a solid foundation in music theory, music history, and applied music performance skills. You will be able to audition on your primary instrument or voice and complete theory and history placement exams that will allow you to continue work as a junior and to begin an area of concentration at your transfer institution.
<i>Associate in Science</i>	Recommended if you plan to transfer to four-year college or university to pursue a program of study leading to a Bachelor of Science degree. Is included in the North Carolina Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA) providing certain guarantees to provide a smooth transfer of course credits from community colleges to UNC universities and colleges as well as other institutions that have agreed to honor the agreement.
<i>College Transfer Core Diploma</i> (Available in Arts or Science)	Designed for students who want to transfer to a four-year college or university without earning an associate's degree. All courses completed, with a C or better in each course, are guaranteed to be accepted as a block (44 semester credit hours) when you are admitted to a university in the University of North Carolina System. Many private colleges and universities also accept the credit hours.
<i>Associate in General Education</i>	Designed for academic enrichment to broaden your education, with emphasis on personal interest, growth and development.

Sandhills Community College Programs List

Area of Study	Program and degree	Prepares you for	Places of employment
Automotive Technologies Automotive Systems Technology  <div>Ask about our Drag Race Technology courses!</div>	Automotive Systems Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science Diploma</i> Transmission/Driveline <i>Certificate</i> Engine Performance & Electrical <i>Certificate</i> Engine Mechanical & Driveline <i>Certificate</i> Motorsports/Drag Race Vehicle <i>Certificate</i>	Automotive service technician, service manager, parts manager, and service writer 	Automotive dealerships, independent repair facilities, municipal garages, state DOT garages, machine shops or performance motorsports facilities
Autobody Repair	Autobody Repair <i>Diploma</i> Paint & Refinishing <i>Certificate</i> Non-Structural Repair <i>Certificate</i> Structural Repair <i>Certificate</i>	Entry-level employment in the automotive body and refinishing industry 	Dealerships, franchised independent garages, or vehicle-customizing shops
Computer Technologies Computer Engineering Technology	Computer Engineering Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i> <i>2+2 Transfer Articulation Arrangement:</i> <i>UNC-Charlotte (B.S. in Electronic Engineering Technology)</i> <i>Microcomputer Servicing Certificate</i>	Electronics technology, computer science, computer networks server maintenance, and programming	Educational institutions, industries, medical facilities, governmental agencies, and with businesses
Computer Programming	Computer Programming <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Computer programmer, analyst, software developer, computer operator, systems technician, information systems manager, database administrator, computer or software specialist	Business, industry and government organizations
Digital Media Technology <div>New Program Began Fall'08</div>	Digital Media Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i> <i>Web Design Certificate</i> <i>Web Content Management Certificate</i>	Web Design/Development, Graphic Design, Multimedia Design	Newspaper advertising departments, businesses advertising departments, public relations and marketing departments, web design companies, printing companies, publishing companies, advertising agencies and freelance employment

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Computer Technologies-cont'd Networking Technology 	Networking Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Local area network manager, network operator, network analyst, or a network technician	Entry-level jobs in business, educational settings and industry
	Cisco Networking <i>Certificate</i>	Maintaining and supporting network systems 	Educational institutions, industrial facilities, medical facilities, governmental agencies, or businesses that utilize Cisco hardware or services
	Linux Networking <i>Certificate</i>	The Red Hat Academy leads toward the Red Hat Certified Technician (RHCT) 	Educational institutions, industries, medical facilities, governmental agencies, and businesses that use the Red Hat Enterprise Linux operating system
	Microsoft Networking/MCSA <i>Certificate</i>	Network administrator or technical support specialist, systems manager, or a technical consultant that support and integrate computing systems	Educational institutions, industries, medical facilities, governmental agencies, and businesses
Simulation and Game Development	Simulation and Game Development <i>Associate in Applied Science Certificate</i>	Simulation and game development, design, architecture, audio and visual techniques and story telling	Military, engineering, medical and gaming companies
Cosmetology & Esthetics Cosmetology 	Cosmetology <i>Associate in Applied Science Diploma Certificate</i>	Cosmetologist	Beauty salon or begin your own businesses
	Cosmetology Instructor <i>Certificate</i>	Instructor of cosmetology as required by the North Carolina State Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners	Public or private education and business
	Esthetics Technology <i>Certificate</i>	Skin care professional	Salon, spa, medical, and retail industries
	Esthetics Instructor <i>Certificate</i>	Instructor of esthetics as required by the North Carolina State Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners	Public or private education and business
Nail Technology	Nail Technician <i>Continuing Education Certificate</i>	Nail technician/manicurist	Beauty salons, nail salons and spas
Education Teaching	Lateral Entry Teaching	Fulfill the requirements of your Licensure Plan if you have been hired by the public schools as a Lateral Entry Teacher	Critical need areas in Moore County are in Science, Math, and Exceptional Education. In surrounding counties, lateral entry teachers may be needed in all areas
	Teacher Assistant <i>Continuing Education Certificate</i>	Assisting the lead teacher in a classroom	Public and private schools
Early Childhood Education 	Early Childhood Associate <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Teacher Assistant, Early Childhood Teacher	Elementary schools, private childcare homes or centers, childcare programs, before-and-after school programs and summer camps
	Early Childhood Administration <i>Certificate</i>	Childcare Center Director	Private childcare center
	Early Childhood Education-Infant/Toddler Care <i>Certificate</i>	Infant and toddler childcare assistant	Childcare center
	Early Childhood Education-Preschool Care <i>Certificate</i>	Care for preschool age children	Childcare center
	Early Childhood Education-School Age Care <i>Certificate</i>	Care for children age five through eight	Before and after school care programs
Engineering Technology Architectural Technology 	Architectural Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i> <i>2+2 Transfer Articulation Arrangement: UNC-Charlotte (B.S. in Construction Management)</i> <i>Certificate</i>	Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) technician, architectural design technician, construction estimator, construction project manager, and construction materials sales representative	Architectural, engineering, and construction professions both public and private

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Engineering Technology-cont'd Civil Engineering Technology	Civil Engineering Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i> 2+2 Transfer Articulation Arrangement: UNC-Charlotte (B.S. in Civil Engineering Technology or B.S. in Construction Management) Certificate	Transportation technician (usually with NCDOT), civil design technician, environmental technician, materials testing technician, Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) technician, construction estimator, and construction project manager	Engineering, surveying, and construction professions, both public and private
Surveying Technology	Surveying Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i> Transfer Opportunity: NC A&T University (BS in Geomatics) Certificate	Survey technicians, survey crew chiefs, GIS/GPS technicians, Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) technicians, and transportation technicians (usually with NCDOT)	Engineering, surveying, and construction professions both public and private
Golf Course Management	Golf Course Management/ Concentration of Turfgrass Management Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Assistant golf course superintendent, golf course superintendent and golf course construction foreman	Private, semi-private, public, resort and country club golf courses and golf course construction contractors
Health & Fitness Science <div>Only NC community college offering this program!</div>	Physical Fitness Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Management, operation and supervision of fitness centers, teaching fitness classes	Commercial fitness clubs, YMCA's/YWCA's, wellness programs in business and industry, hospitals, and parks and recreation departments and other organizations implementing exercise and fitness programs
Health Sciences 	EKG Technician Continuing Education Certificate	EKG Technician (perform diagnostic tests to access the heart rhythm and rate)	Cardiac units of hospitals and medical centers
	Emergency Medical Science <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Paramedic and related emergency medical positions	Ambulance services, fire and rescue agencies, air medical services, specialty areas of hospital, industry, educational institutions, and government agencies
	Medical Laboratory Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Laboratory Technician	Hospitals, medical offices, industry, and research facilities
	Phlebotomy Technician Continuing Education Certificate	Phlebotomy Technician (collection of blood samples)	Medical facilities including hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices, and emergency medical centers
	Polysomnography <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Polysomnographic Technologist (perform and interpret sleep studies)	Hospitals and freestanding sleep centers
	Radiography <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Radiologic Technologist (use radiation to produce images of the human body)	Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices, medical laboratories, government agencies, and industry
	Respiratory Therapy <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Respiratory therapists, respiratory care practitioners	Hospitals, patient's homes, rehabilitation agencies, nursing homes, outpatient clinics, and physicians' offices
	Surgical Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i> Diploma	Surgical Technologist	Labor and delivery departments, emergency departments, inpatient/outpatient surgery centers, dialysis units or facilities, physicians' offices, and central supply processing units
Hospitality & Culinary Arts 	Baking and Pastry Arts <i>Associate in Applied Science</i> Certificate	Entry-level positions as pastry/bakery assistants, pastry chefs and assistant pastry chefs	Restaurants, hotels, independent bakeries/pastry shops, wholesale/retail markets and high-volume bakeries
	Culinary Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i> Certificate	Entry-level position as line cook or station chef with advancement to sous-chef, executive chef or food service manager	Full-service restaurants, hotels, resorts, clubs, catering operations, contract food service and health care facilities
	Hotel and Restaurant Management <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Entry-level management or supervisory positions in the food and lodging industry	Hotels, motels, resorts, inns, restaurants, institutions, and clubs, support areas of food and equipment sales
	Resort & Spa Management <i>Associate in Applied Science</i> Pending 2+2 transfer Articulation Arrangement with Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel & Restaurant Management at the University of Houston (B.S. in Hotel & Restaurant Management)	Entry or mid-level management positions as member/ guest services director, spa assistant director, spa manager, spa attendant supervisor, spa sales manager, and assistant clubhouses manager	Day spas, beach resorts, mountain resorts, golf resorts, extended stay spas and cruise lines
Landscape Gardening	Landscape Gardening <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Applied horticulture as it relates to design, development, and/or maintenance for residential and commercial operations	Garden centers, greenhouse operations, nurseries, and public or private gardens, landscape companies or entrepreneurial ventures

Area of Study	Program and degree	Prepares you for	Places of employment
Management & Business Technology Accounting	Accounting <i>Associate in Applied Science Diploma</i>	General accountant, accounts receivable, accounts payable or payroll accounting clerk, financial data analyst or tax preparation consultant	Accounting firms, banks, retail businesses, manufacturing firms, hospitals, schools, churches, non-profit and government agencies
	Certified Bookkeeper <i>Certificate</i>	Inventory, accounts receivable, accounts payable and payroll clerk	Banks, retail businesses, small businesses, schools, hospitals, churches, and non-profits
Business Administration 	Business Administration <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Entry- and mid-level positions as finance officer, human resource manager, marketing representative, government services administrator, small business manager, business service specialist, office/sales manager, and investment representative	Government agencies, financial institutions, large to small businesses or industries, and entrepreneurial ventures
	Business Administration/ E-Commerce <i>Associate in Applied Science Certificate</i>	Positions in the internet economy using electronic business strategies	Government agencies, financial institutions, and small-to-medium sized businesses or industries, and entrepreneurial ventures
	Business Administration/ Entrepreneurship <i>Certificate</i>	Beginning your own business venture or improving your or another's business	Entrepreneurial and intrapreneurial ventures, government agencies, financial institutions, and large to small businesses or industries
Medical Office 	Health Information Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Health data analyst, records technician, clinical coding specialist, physician practice manager, and patient information coordinator	Hospitals, mental health facilities, nursing homes, health insurance organizations, rehab facilities, medical offices, and consulting firms
	Medical Office Administration <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Transcriptionist, medical secretary, patient accounting clerk, and patient service representative	Medical and allied health facilities
	Medical Office Coding <i>Certificate</i> <i>Continuing Education Certificate</i>	Confidential assistant in medical management	Hospitals, medical centers, clinics, outpatient facilities, physicians' offices, and nursing facilities
Office Systems Technology	Office Systems Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Administrative assistant, executive assistant, marketing assistant, payroll assistant, human resources assistant, office manager and project manager	Schools, legal offices, business, government, and industry
Massage Therapy Massage Therapy <div>Become eligible for licensure in only one year!</div>	Therapeutic Massage <i>Associate in Applied Science Diploma</i>	Massage Therapist- eligible to take the National Certification Exam for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork	Hospitals, rehabilitation centers, health departments, home health, medical offices, nursing homes, spas, health and sports clubs, and private practice
Nursing Nursing 	Nursing <i>Associate Degree in Nursing</i>	Registered Nurse- eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) that is required for practice as a Registered Nurse	Hospitals, long term care facilities, clinics, physicians' offices, industry, and community agencies
	Nursing Assistant <i>Certificate</i>	Nursing Assistant- eligible to be listed on the NC Registry as a Nursing Assistant	Home health agencies, hospitals, hospices, clinics, nursing homes, extended care facilities, and doctors' offices
	Practical Nursing <i>Diploma</i>	Licensed Practical Nurse- eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN)	Hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, long term care facilities, home health facilities, clinics, and physicians' offices
Medication Aide	Medication Aide <i>Continuing Education Certificate</i>	Medication Aide- program completion allows you to sit for the NC Medication Aide written exam	Skilled nursing facilities
Social Sciences Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice	Basic Law Enforcement Training <i>Certificate</i>	Entry-level law enforcement officer	State, county, or municipal governments, and private enterprises
	Criminal Justice Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Police officer, deputy sheriff, detention officer, state trooper, surveillance probation/parole officer, correctional officer or loss prevention specialist	Local, state, and federal law enforcement, corrections, and security fields
Human Services	Human Services Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Technical assistance in rehabilitation, residential care, youth counseling, social services and group home management	Behavioral health and social services agencies, Juvenile Justice programs
	Human Services Technology/ Substance Abuse <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Substance abuse worker, behavior specialist, or counselor technician	Behavioral health, residential rehabilitation programs
Trades	Building Trades <i>Continuing Education Certificates</i>	Plumbing, electrical wiring, blueprint reading, and planning and estimating for construction	Residential or commercial construction, plumbing, or electrical companies

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